Reasons for preaching

Anti-Slavery Sermon

Always been courteous and *willing to hear* — as Unitns. ought to be.

I respectfully ask you to ~~b for~~ give me a candid ~~ff~~ & patient hearing now.—

Do I ask it for my own sake — No: not exclusively — It w. indeed be a gratification & a great reward to me, to see you heartily espousing, on this subject, y. cause of humanity — giving your influence & active aid in behalf of y. oppressed, of him who has no helper.

— But I ask it, chiefly, for *your own sakes*, and for y. sake of y. *enslaved*

1. *Your own*. Because to ~~engage~~ engage in y. work of delivering y. oppressed is a good & holy ~~[illegible]~~ work — is y. duty of all; — & y. way of *duty* is y. only way of safety, peace, salvation.

2. the *Slaves* — To free them from their unjust bondage — their cruel wrongs — & to ~~restore~~ permit them to enjoy unmolested those *rights* & *privileges* to wh: they are fully entitled, & wh: are now most unrighteously withholden from them.

Text for Anti-Slavery Sermon

"The Spirit of ye Lord God is upon me because he ~~th~~ hath anointed me, &c &c

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[I may *lose*, ~~or~~ it is said, ye. friendly regard of ~~[illegible]~~ some who have hitherto extended it to me. I shd. hope not, & will not believe it, till I see full proof. But, if I shd., it is better ✗ to lose man's favor than GOD's — better to forfeit all worldly consideration, respect & praise than ye. approval of one's conscience & ye. ~~accept~~ approval of GOD.

I can — every man can — better afford to lose every particle of worldly possessions & alienate all human affections, than to be false to their conviction of duty, & ✗ careless & disobedient to ye. will of GOD — yes, *infinitely* better afford it.] ⊕

I am placed here — for what? — to preach that, & that only, wh. may chance to agree with ye. views of all about me? to preach a part of Xn. truth & withhold a part, knowg. it to be Xn. truth?

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Texts to be quoted.

Eccl. 5:8 "If thou seest y. oppression of y. poor, &c. marvel not, &c. for he y. is higher than y. highest regardeth".

Eccl. 7:7. "Oppression maketh a wise man mad"

Eccl 8:11 "Because sentence ag.st an evil work is not executed speedily": &c.

James 5:4 "hire kept back by fraud"

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~~See Mr. Ware's article in~~
~~Feb. No. of "Miscellany~~

~~& Dr Davis's Report in Legis~~

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Hymns.

~~(Greenwood.) 19.~~
~~"[illegible] thou sights I must allow"~~
~~&c. &c.~~

No - I have undertaken to declare ~~the~~ y. truth of Jesus Xt. y. Son of GOD - and to do what in me lies to persuade all my hearers to receive his truth & obey it. - I cannot then honestly refrain from declaring all y. truth, so far as it has been made known to me. I have no choice (over)

This is every Xn. *minister's duty* – to search out what y. truth of Xt. is, & what y. grace of God is as revealed in Xt., & make them known. – When a minister ceases to do this, he ceases to be faithful to y. trust he has taken upon him; – and by this neglect, he brings a heavy weight on his own soul – [– If he is unwilling to *do* y. work of an evangelist let him cease to attempt its discharge.]

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